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Blame brownouts

Controversy. Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers says he supports ending brownouts, the practice of taking an engine company out of service. **Who's stopping it?** It's the mayor's call, some say. **Putting the blame on.** Union president says brownouts are in part to blame for three firefighter deaths. PAGE 02

Running for Boston

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Mayor Michael Nutter unveils a special message for this year's Broad Street Run, slated for May 5. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

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1 NEWS

Penn Relays

Off to the races

The 119th Penn Relay Carnival kicks off today at Franklin Field on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. The event, which runs from today to April 27, features the country's best runners from high school to college. The college has increased security for the event, including a prohibition on backpacks or large bags and thorough security checks at every entrance.

Quoted

"As a reminder, Mr. Speaker, I do believe this has been forgotten entirely by many of my colleagues today: Each of us put our hand on the Bible and swore to uphold the Constitution. We did not place our hands on the Constitution and swear to uphold the Bible."

—Pa. State Rep. Brian Sims, during a floor debate at the House of Representatives this week on legislation that would put a stop to state-run health insurance exchanges from covering abortion in their plans

Delicious

Chickie's & Peter's will open at Dorney Park

Chickie's & Pete's will open a full-service sports bar and restaurant this summer at Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom, according to a news release.

The park, which is based just outside of Allentown, opens on May 3.

The new digs, which will be located inside the recently renovated Game Day Grille at the center of the park, will include a sit-down restaurant with air conditioning, a fully stocked bar and expanded menu.

The sports-bar chain previously operated two stands with limited menus. METRO

Trial update

Defense rests in Gosnell infanticide trial

Defense counsel for a Philadelphia abortion doctor accused of killing babies in a clinic that mainly serves low-income women rested its case yesterday without calling any witnesses in the high-profile murder trial.

A lawyer for Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 72, did not call a single witness before telling a judge the defense rested its case in Common Pleas Court in Philadelphia. REUTERS

Tribute

Artist selected to build Joe Frazier statue

Lawrence J. Nowlan was picked to build a statue in honor of legendary boxer Joe Frazier. Nowlan also built the Harry Kalas statue at Citizens Bank Park. The Frazier statue is scheduled to arrive at XFINITY Live! by spring 2014. METRO

Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, right, sits alongside Deputy Commissioner David Beatrice. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Hearing reignites brownout dispute

Heated. A City Council budget hearing touched off a debate over the potential risk of rolling brownouts.

A City Council hearing yesterday on the Philadelphia Fire Department budget reignited a long-simmering dispute — rolling brownouts.

The controversial policy of temporarily taking an engine or ladder company out of service on a rotating basis was implemented in 2010 due to budgetary cutbacks. In a surprise revelation, Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said he's in support of ending the practice. "If the mayor gave me the money, I'd end the brownouts — of course, absolutely," he said.

But that's a big "if." City Budget Director Rebecca Rhynhart said it's "the mayor's position that the brownouts are occurring."

Council members discussed introducing legislation that would allow them to directly appropriate to the Fire Department the $3.8 million needed each year to eliminate the brownouts.

"I would love to do that, to introduce legislation to give them the money to stop it," Councilman Mark Squilla said, adding residents are concerned as their taxes rise, the level of service seems to be decreasing. "But it sounds like, if you talk to the administration, even if you give them more money, they're not going to eliminate it. So we've got to figure out why. What is the mind-set? What is the point of the brownouts? We're still having fire deaths. We're still having people dying and we're having firemen dying."

One of those firefighters is Capt. Michael Goodwin of Ladder 27, who was killed earlier this month battling a blaze at a Queen Village fabric shop. Firefighters Union Local 22 president Bill Gault said he believes station closures and brownouts were in part to blame. Two nearby fire companies have been shuttered in recent years and the engine based at Goodwin's station was browned out that night.

"That neighborhood is so little, so crowded, you have to get resources there," Gault said. "Especially with the fireload there, the wires, that requires manpower and water quickly — quickly. We're lucky — actually, we're not lucky. We lost three people."

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Gault

Dried up

Water woes

Ayers said brownouts have never been shown to pose public safety hazards. But Councilman Jim Kenney pointed out that ladder companies whose corresponding engines are browned out don't have access to water until an engine from a different station arrives.

"What happens when a ladder company gets there, has no water, people are trapped, what do they do until the engine arrives?" he asked. Ayers said engines respond within an average of 58 seconds.

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Broad Street Run shows its love for Boston

Brotherly love. The 34th annual Broad Street Run will offer "love" stickers for Boston, along with increased security.

Forty-thousand runners in this year's Broad Street Run on May 5 will sport heart-shaped stickers that include a special message: "From Philly to Boston with Love."

"This year's Broad Street Run is taking on an entirely new meaning," said Mayor Michael Nutter, referring to the Boston bombings on April 15.

Nutter announced plans for the Independence Blue Cross Broad Street Run today, including increased security measures. The run is the largest 10-mile run in the country.

"Runners and spectators will in fact see a visible increase in police and emergency personnel presence along the entire course of the race," he said. "And I also will tell you up front that there are a number of other things that we'll be doing that you won't see."

Nutter added that even with increased security measures, the Boston Marathon bombings last week — which killed three and injured nearly 200 others — will remain on everyone's minds.

"Let's never forget," Nutter said, "We are Americans and we support each other."

Quoted

"Philadelphians, and especially our running community, want to share their love and support for our fellow Americans in Boston." Nutter

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A reel expert can tackle anything

Sheila Harrold, from North Philadelphia, spent the afternoon fishing for carp on the banks of the Schuylkill River yesterday afternoon as temperatures reached the 70s. Last year, Harrold said she caught a 20-pound fish. She came up emtpy-handed yesterday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Crime

Cop arrested for parade assault

Philadelphia police officer Aquil Byrd was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly assaulting a man during the Puerto Rican Day Parade in 2011, officials said. METRO

Freebie

Soft pretzels for all

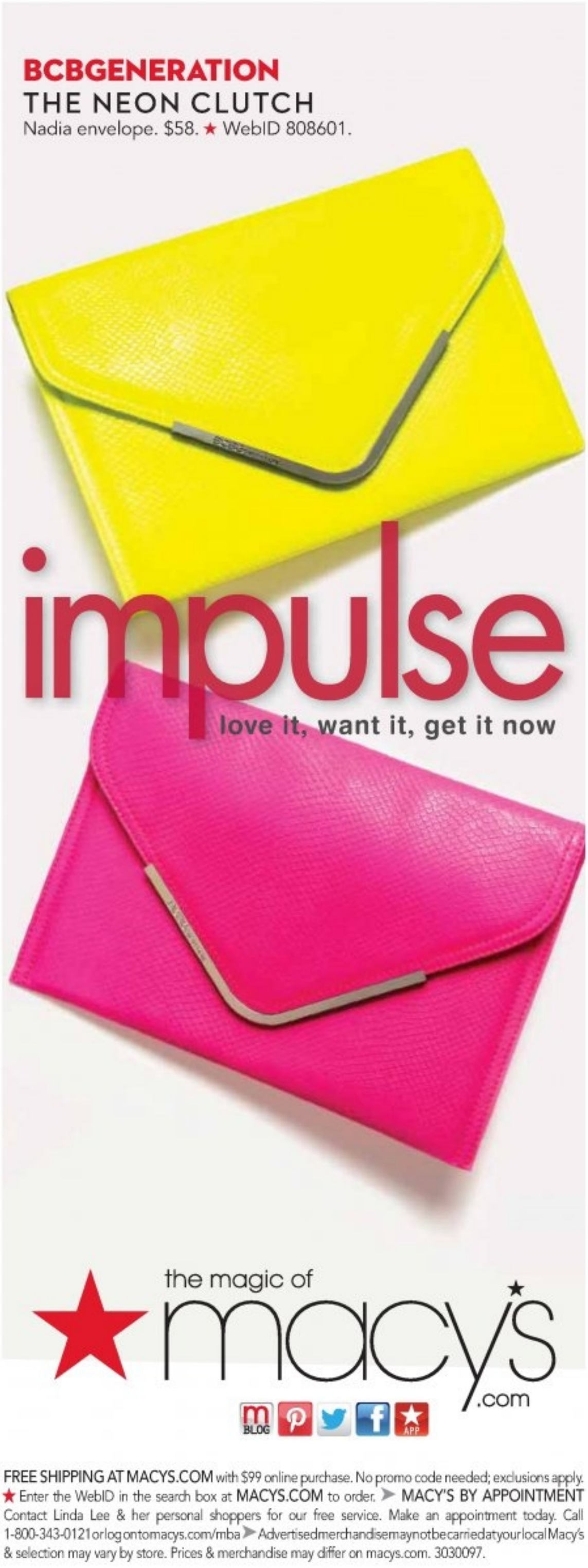
Philly Pretzel Factory is giving away free soft pretzels on Friday at its area locations in celebration of National Pretzel Day. No purchase is necessary.

The first 100 will win a pretzel a day in May. METRO

Death

Body found in burning row house

Police are investigating the discovery Wednesday morning of a man's slain body inside a burning home in Southwest Philadelphia. He was shot in the head. METRO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Hero. Man acted as human shield to save 11-year-old's life

A man gunned down Tuesday night gave his life to save his girlfriend's son, according to police.

Capt. James Clark said Carmen Medina, 31, drove to East Gurney Street with her son, boyfriend Thomas Gorman and an unidentified female friend. "She then got out of her vehicle and got into verbal conformation with an unknown male," Clark said. "At the end of the confrontation, she was trying to run away." Medina got back into her car, but the man followed her, pulled open the door and shot her multiple times.

Clark said the gunman next leveled his weapon at Medina's son. Gorman threw himself in front of the child.

Both Medina and Gorman died of their wounds.

Carmen Medina, 31 / FACEBOOK

Quoted

"It appears that he pointed the gun at the 11-year-old, then the male decedent actually threw his body in front of him and he was unfortunately shot and killed."
Clark

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Ice cream man cometh

Muhammed Muhammed serves up soft ice cream to students at Temple University from his Mr. Softee truck yesterday, one of the warmest days of the year so far. "I'm hoping it's a good summer," said Muhammed. "But to be honest, every year it just gets slower and slower." / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Tragic. Man dies after car plunges in river, passenger saved

A Strawberry Mansion man died after he reportedly drove his car into the Schuylkill River near Kelly Drive on Tuesday.

Reports said a crew coach there for practice broke the car's rear window with a fire extinguisher and pulled a passenger out of the sinking vehicle.

It took police divers nearly an hour to pull the body of a 31-year-old man from the river. He was later pronounced dead at Hahnemann University Hospital, where the passenger was last listed in stable condition.

It is believed the driver accidentally put the car into drive instead of reverse as he pulled out of a lot. METRO

Recovered

Body found could have local ties

A body found in Providence, R.I., could be Bryan Mawr native and Brown student Sunil Tripathi who disappeared in March, reports say. METRO

Politics

Brokers of PGW sale named

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Congress demands more FBI answers on bomb suspect

The hearse carries the body of slain MIT police officer Sean Collier, at the memorial at Briggs Field yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Bombs. How did they get black powder?

U.S. lawmakers demanded more answers on the Boston Marathon bombing yesterday, unsatisfied with the FBI reaction to warnings about one suspect and expressing doubt about the other suspect's claims that he and his dead brother acted alone.

Some on Capitol Hill questioned whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other U.S. security agencies failed to share information about suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev in 2011, even after reforms enacted to prevent information-hoarding following the Sept. 11 hijacked plane attacks 12 years ago.

Attention has turned to whether U.S. security officials paid enough heed to Tamerlan Tsarnaev having been flagged as a possible Islamic militants by Russia. The FBI interviewed him in 2011 but did not find enough cause to continue investigating.

His name was listed on the U.S. government's highly classified central database of people it views as potential threats. REUTERS

Funeral

Tribute to fallen officer

Vice President Joe Biden and law enforcement from around the United States attended a memorial for Sean Collier, 26. REUTERS

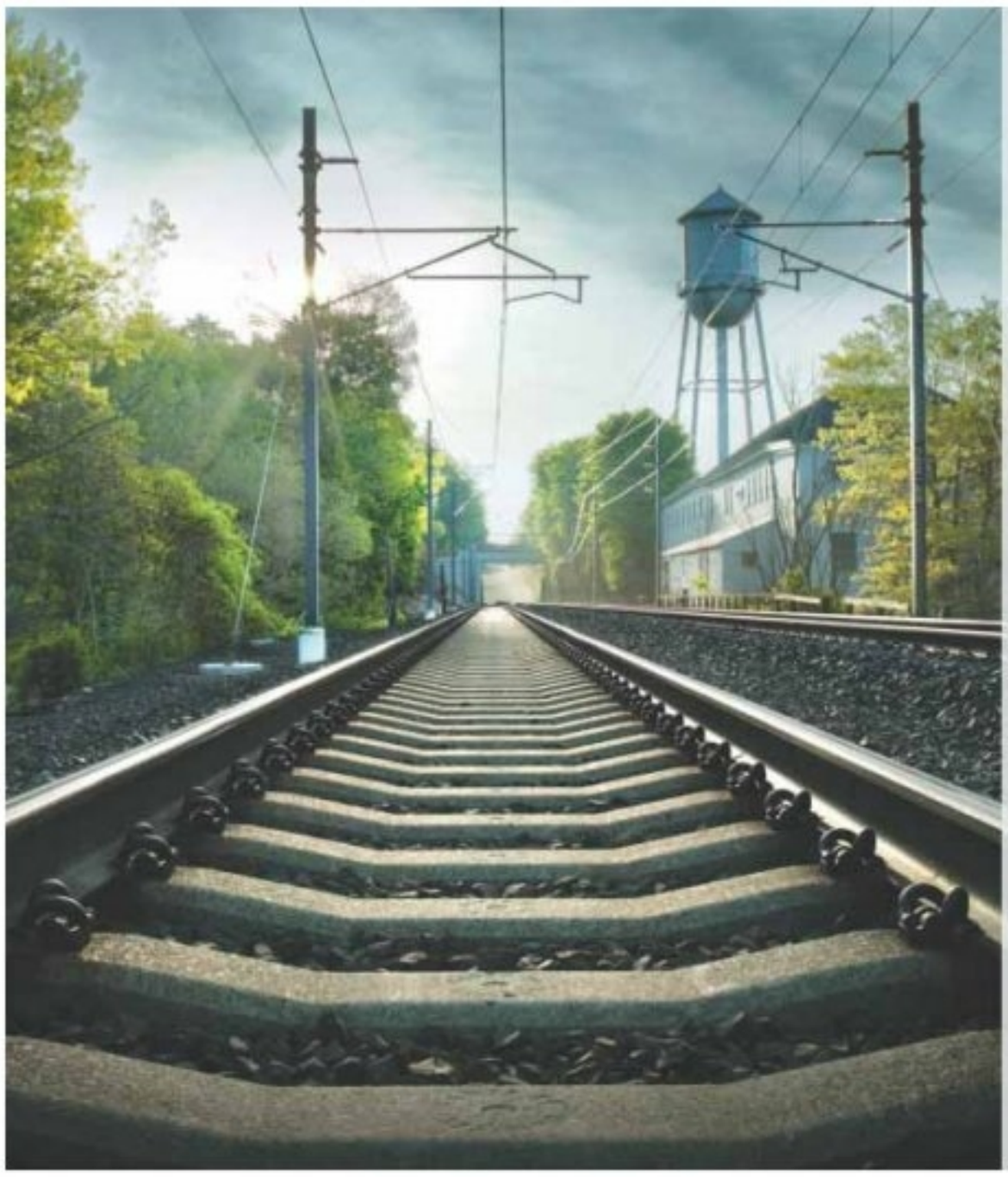
Federal database. Suspect's name was on classified government terror watch lists

The name of one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was listed on the U.S. government's highly classified central database of people it views as potential terrorists. But the list is so vast that this did not mean authorities automatically kept close tabs on him, sources close to the bombing investigation said on Tuesday.

Tsarnaev, 26, was killed in a police shoot-out early Friday, while his younger brother Dzhokhar, 19, was captured later that day. Prosecutors say the brothers, ethnic Chechens who had been living in the United States for more than a decade, planted two bombs that exploded near the finish line of the marathon on April 15, killing three people and wounding nearly 200.

The sources said Tamerlan Tsarnaev's details were entered into TIDE, a database maintained by the National Counter-terrorism Center, because the FBI spoke to him in 2011 while investigating a Russian tip-off that he had become a follower of radical Islamists.

The FBI found nothing to suggest he was an active threat, but all the same placed his name on the "Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment" list. The FBI has not said what it did find about Tsarnaev. REUTERS



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FAA. Flight delays due to furloughs not as bad as once feared

Flight delays in the United States linked to the furlough of thousands of air traffic controllers have not been as bad as expected so far, the head of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration said yesterday.

FAA Administrator Michael Huerta told lawmakers the agency could not find the kind of "sizeable" non-payroll budget cuts that would have avoided furloughs and the resulting flight delays, but added that passenger safety is not at risk.

"We are focused on maintaining our core operational and safety responsibilities," Huerta told a House appropriations subcommittee hearing on the agency's 2014 budget request. "We will not do anything to compromise safety."

REUTERS

The FAA has said that it will furlough 47,000 employees for up to 11 days through the end of the fiscal year in September. Nearly 13,000 of those employees are air traffic controllers. / GETTY IMAGES

Obama threatens 'family tattoo' if daughters get one

Ink. The first family may get tattoos to show that it's not a good way to rebel.

First Lady Michelle Obama arrives with daughters Sasha and Malia for the 57th Presidential Inauguration on Jan. 21, 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

If they were thinking about getting tattoos, the Obama daughters may want to reconsider.

Speaking on NBC's "Today" show in a segment originally filmed before the Boston Marathon bombings, President Barack Obama revealed the strategy he and First Lady Michelle Obama have been using to keep their daughters away from tattoos.

"What we've said to the girls is, 'If you guys ever decide you're going to get a tattoo, then mommy and me will get the exact same tattoo, in the same place, and we'll go on YouTube and show it off as a family tattoo,'" Obama said.

"Our thinking is that might dissuade them from thinking that somehow that's a good way to rebel."

During the segment, the president also said he understood his wife's "slip of the tongue" when she called herself a "single mother" in early April, noting that they were often apart for a week at a time when he was campaigning.

"I tend to cut my wife or anybody some slack when it comes to just slips of the tongue," he said.

"But there's no doubt that there have been times where Michelle probably felt like a single mom. ... She definitely, I think, understands the burdens that women in particular tend to feel if they're both responsible for child rearing and they're responsible for working at the same time," he added.

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Justin Bieber is feeling a bit needy, Whitney Cummings has her own set of rules, Amanda Bynes is feeling misrepresented and Seth MacFarlane is thirsty.

@justinbieber: will u always be there?

@WhitneyCummings: Stop making your nicknames longer than your actual name. Talking to you, Joe Joe.

@AmandaBynes: Dear @UsWeekly - I don't know why u feel the need to make up stories about me. I don't talk to light fixtures.

@SethMacFarlane: Filming A Million Ways to Die in the West. Fun being in a climate where you have to drink 9,000 glasses of water a day or you drop dead.

1 The 'Virgin Bachelor' is a virgin no longer

Nothing makes me roll my eyes harder than the phrase "born-again virgin," unless it's a celebrity proclaiming, "We're going to be married forever!" As it turns out, Sean Lowe, who was known as the Virgin Bachelor on this season of "The Bachelor" for his insistence of not fornicating until marriage (again) won't be offered up as sacrifice to the gods anytime soon.

Two sources confirm in the new issue of Life & Style that Sean did in fact sleep with his fiancee, Catherine Giudici, while the show was still airing. "Yes, they definitely had sex," a "Bachelor insider" reportedly revealed to Life & Style. "The first time was the night he proposed in Thailand." A second source close to Catherine confirms the fling, saying, "Sean and Catherine have hooked up already. The whole born-again-virgin thing is a bunch of B.S. It's just something he made up for the show."

Wait. A network made up something on a reality TV show in order to get ratings? Stop blowing my mind, Life & Style!

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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Aguilera lookin' skinny

Christina Aguilera showed off her slimmer shape (for the record, you looked just fine just the way you were, girl) at TIME'S 100 Most Influential People In The World gala at Jazz at Lincoln Center on Tuesday in New York City. The singer partied with such bold-faced names as Lena Dunham, Claire Danes, Arianna Huffington, Jimmy Kimmel, Jimmy Fallon and Justin Timberlake at the annual event.

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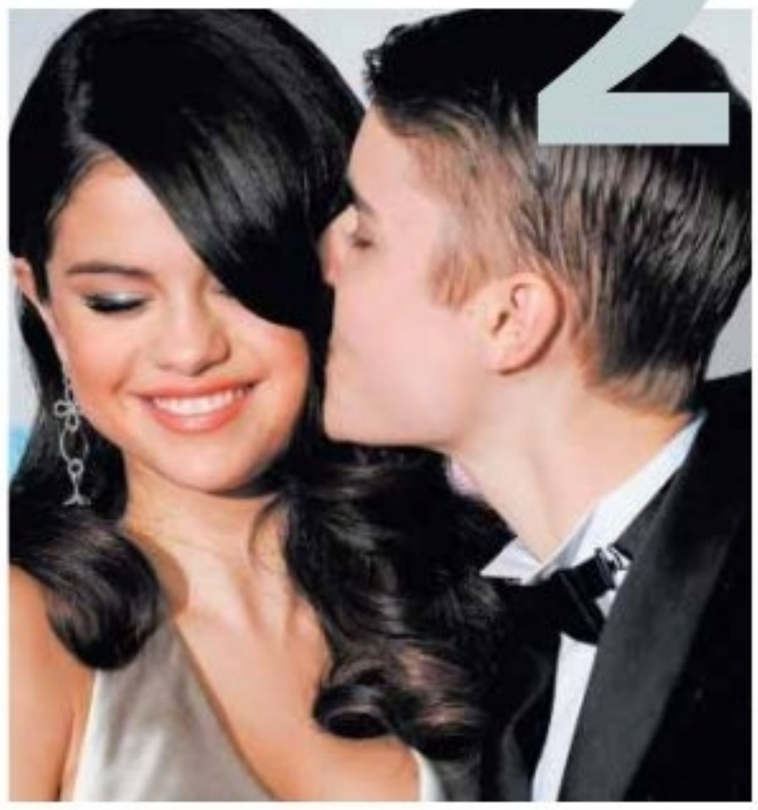
2 Bieber and Gomez's make-out sessions



Do Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's make-out sessions during their reunion in Europe this week mean the couple are back together? Maybe, maybe not, according to Us Weekly. "They have a crazy connection," a source close to Bieber says, but "they aren't back together." Another source says it's anyone's guess: "Who knows with them?" If they are back together, Bieber can take the credit, according to a Gomez pal: "Justin pursued Selena and she gave in," the source says.

3 Will J.Lo be back on 'Idol'?

The folks behind "American Idol" have apparently been having second thoughts about this season's judges, as producers were reportedly mulling over the idea of bringing back former judge Jennifer Lopez to replace Mariah Carey in a bid to stop the reality show's ratings free fall, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Sources say producers had even begun negotiations with Lopez to return as soon as possible, but apparently Carey got wind of the talks and threatened to sue. The show's producers are reportedly still hoping for a Lopez guest spot for the show's finale and are considering replacing the entire judging panel for next season. Last week's performance episode brought in the show's worst ratings in its 12-year history.

I just think "American Idol" should stop while it's still slightly ahead. I mean, if Mariah Carey can't bring in the ratings, who can? Betty White?

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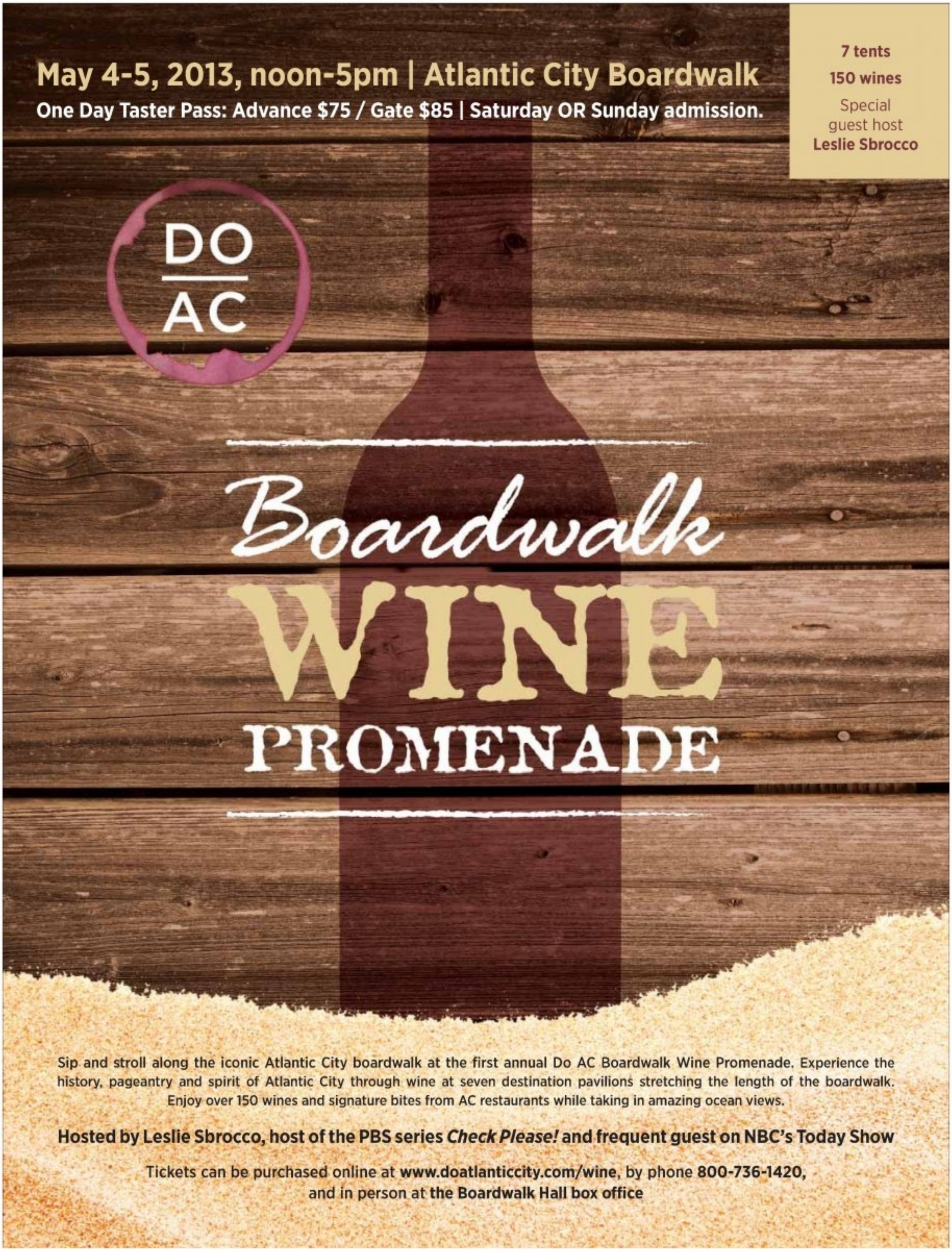
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Finding the freedom to be funny

Laugh. 1812 Productions' new show takes a look at humor, from 7 to 70.

The same year that Jennifer Childs' daughter celebrated her seventh birthday, her mother turned 70. Spending time with two of them, Childs noticed that both made her laugh — only in entirely different ways.

"My mom is funnier at 70 than she ever was in her whole life," says Childs. "Mostly because she owns herself now and cares less what people think, so she has the freedom to say what she feels and be who she is. In the meantime, my daughter was trying to figure out how she's funny, what makes people laugh and what makes people go, 'OK, settle down.' I was watching her imitate other people's humor in an attempt to find her own."

With those polar opposites in mind, Childs began noticing how the humor she shared with her own female friends was changing as they moved into their mid-40s and early 50s. "All of a sudden we're Bette Davis in 'All About Eve' — where did that come from? Women are very transformative creatures, and I became fascinated with the question of whether our humor transforms and ages as we do."

So Childs, the artistic director of Philly's all-comedy theater company 1812 Productions, began exploring that question with a variety of women from diverse backgrounds, from journalists to those benefitting from domestic abuse services and prison transition programs. The group even includes Lucie Arnaz, daughter of perhaps the most famous comedienne, Lucille Ball.

The result of the ensuing three years is "It's My Party: The Women and Comedy Project," which will premiere at Plays & Players Theatre, 1812's home base, beginning this weekend. The show's three acts travel through the three ages of comedy that Childs discovered first in her own family.

Visiting with community partners like Women Against Abuse, Transition Network and Why Not Prosper, Childs found herself mining comedy from very unfunny territory.

"Most of the women who I talked to told me stories that were really difficult, angry, sad, tragic, violent stories," she says. "But they told them with such incredible humor. We use humor to make our way through the world. I want to make you laugh, but the secret mission is I want to change your life."

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'It's My Party: The Women and Comedy Project'

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10 Films worth seeing

1 'Pain & Gain' We wanted another Michael Bay film. And for our sins we got one.

2 'The Big Wedding' Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton and Amanda Seyfried and Katherine Heigl and — why not? — Robin Williams and Susan Sarandon, too, star in this movie about a big wedding. Topher Grace is in it, as well.

Mark Wahlberg has muscles, if you've never noticed, in "Pain & Gain." / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

3 'Mud' The latest from Jeff Nichols ("Take Shelter") stars Matthew McConaughey as a wanted man hiding out on an island. Reese Witherspoon, when she is sober, puts in a few scenes.

4 'Angel's Share' The latest from English filmmaker Ken Loach ("The Wind The Shakes the Barley") finds him in one of his comic (or, more likely, semi-comic) moods, this time with a group of community service types trying to steal some expensive malt whiskey.

5 'Koch' FYI: Former New York City mayor Ed Koch died the day Neil Barsky's penetrating look at him was released in the town he once ruled.

6 'No Place on Earth' This doc tells of how five Jewish families hid from Nazis inside a Ukraine cave for a year and half.

7 'Arthur Newman' Brits Colin Firth and Emily Blunt trade their euphonious accents for American ones in this drama, about two sad loners excaping their respective lives.

8 'Oblivion' Tom Cruise's latest is a sci-fi extravaganza. Insert Scientology joke here.

9 'The Lords of Salem' Sorry, haters: Rob Zombie is an actual film auteur.

10 'The Company You Keep' In Robert Redford's latest, he and Julie Christie play former members of the Weather Underground.

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Murder at the Mutter: Outbreak!

April 26, 7 p.m., $50
Mutter Museum
19 S. 22nd St.
www.philascience festival.org

Fans of "CSI" and "NCIS" can test their sleuthing skills against real forensic scientists at Murder at the Mutter: Outbreak! It's a Mutter Museum event that's part of the Philadelphia Science Festival.

But co-organizer Jacqui Bowman wants to issue a word of caution to those expecting an exact replica of the popular TV shows: "real-life forensic scientists do not wear high heels or have their hair flowing."

Participants will be greeted at the College of Physicians in Philadelphia, home to the Mutter, by a scene that could have been lifted straight from the movie "Contagion."

Investigators believe that a dangerous pathogen may have been released into the area.

One person has been attacked.

The game is to deduce if there's a virus on the loose — or something altogether more sinister.

Experts specializing in DNA, blood splatter analysis, fingerprinting and other forensic fields will be on hand to help with the crime solving and to answer questions, says Bowman, a biological anthropologist who wrote her Ph.D. thesis on monkey teeth.

She won't say how many will "die" or "become infected" with the pathogen by the end of the evening.

"The purpose of the event is for people to have fun with a serious subject," she says. "Instead of just listening to how we distinguish between fingerprints, they will actually do it."

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Jacqui Bowman, co-organizer of "Murder at the Mutter: Outbreak!"

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Skulls

Mutter in the movies

In a pivotal scene in "Django Unchained," Leonardo DiCaprio, playing a villainous plantation owner, deftly cuts open the skull of his deceased slave with an 1850s saw. The props crew consulted with Anna Dhody, curator of the Mutter Museum, to make the scene authentic.

"When we were contacted, we only knew that it was a Quentin Tarantino film. We did not know until much later that Leonardo DiCaprio would be studying it," says Jay Bazzel, director of communications at the College of Physicians. "In the video, we showed them a saw from the 1850s in our collection so they could replicate one from that period."

In case you're wondering, Dhody advised to start cutting the skull open from the frontal lobe. "The back of the head or occipital bone is thick, so using a manual saw would take a while," Bazzel says.

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The music of the Bond series has become iconic, from Shirley Bassey's "Goldfinger" to Adele's "Skyfall." Everyone from Paul McCartney to Madonna has recorded Bond themes for the 23 films in the series.

So varied, yet similar in a way.

"When I was getting this together, I did notice that there are themes," Krajewski says. "There's a sort of five-note dah, dah, dah, dah, dah sequence in the James Bond themes. There are commonalities in the sounds even though the songs are different. Even 'Skyfall' works in a few notes of the original Bond."

The music always has a dramatic, orchestral flare. Being a secret agent with a license to kill has its share of drama, too — and perks.

"It very much is sounding on the exotic side and that matches up with all the exotic locations that you see and all the beautiful girls and the handsome men," Krajewski says.

Soprano Debbie Gravitte will be the featured vocalist for the show. The "Beyond" part of the program includes renditions of Johnny Rivers' "Secret Agent Man" and music from the Austin Powers and Pink Panther movies.

As for Krajewski, he's filling in for the late Marvin Hamlisch on the Bond show. He's the principal pops conductor of the Houston Symphony, the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and he'll be taking over as musical director of the Philly Pops when Peter Nero steps down next season.

"I hope I'm not forgotten like George Lazenby," said Krajewski of the overlooked star of the 1969 Bond film "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." "I hope I'm more like Daniel Craig."

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The Philly Pops musicians have goldfingers. / MARK GARVIN

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Jim Parsons, right, seeks solace from Mayim Bialik on "The Big Bang Theory." / MONTY BRINTON, CBS

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COMEDY

'The Office'

Wait, Jim and Pam are in couples counseling? No wonder people gave up on this show forever ago. **9 P.M., NBC**

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Man bags out, backpacks in

This trend separates the men from the metrosexual man bag boys. We check out this season's must-have accessory: the backpack.

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Just as you get used to owning a man bag, fashion takes a U-turn. Annoying? Slightly. But at least with the backpack, your pals won't snigger and you won't spend the first 10 minutes of every conversation explaining why it's not a shopper, handbag or tote. This season and, yes, next season (small victory) backpacks will be on trend. Forget wearing it on one shoulder like some teen reprobate, the runway says double-straps: It's better for your posture and you don't end up with your jacket going skew-whiff like some slovenly schoolboy. Here's what we're backing for spring.

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The question

I broke up with my boyfriend last year and then got involved with my current boyfriend. I don't have contact with my ex, but I hold a grudge against him and get angry when I think about him. It affects my current relationship because I blame my new guy for issues related to my ex. How can I move on for good?

THE LEFTOVER BLAME GAME

Keeping the toxic feelings from a previous relationship alive will only poison the current one. / WAVEBREAK MEDIA

It's not surprising that the person with whom you spent three years of your life is still on your mind a year later. He's someone you likely confided in and shared a life with — someone with whom you thought you had a future. I can only speculate that you moved from one relationship to the next far too quickly. When a relationship ends, time is needed to grieve, reflect and process so that issues don't go unresolved and spill into the next one. Clearly, this is what's happening with you.

To get over your ex and find closure, take responsibility for your actions. Ask yourself: "How has my behavior and attitude impacted us? If I could go back and do it again, what would I change about myself?" Now is the time to own up to these things.

As long as you continue to view the relationship through an old lens, you'll continue to be held hostage by the past. The issue here is one of control: A grudge leads to anger and resentment that energizes you, giving the illusion of control. The grudge may also be a way of holding your ex responsible for the downfall of the relationship. To shake this thinking, ask yourself: "Can I change the situation now? What do I gain by holding a grudge a year later? What will I gain by letting go?"

Finally, pretend you're packing for a trip and you can only bring essential items. Would you take a healthy, positive attitude and a sense of humor or would you pack anger and resentment? The latter will only weigh you down. Lighten the load by bringing only what's beneficial to you and your new relationship.

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♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Strive to be cooperative when you find yourself dealing with a group of friends.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You have the ability to achieve some important objectives, as long as you don't spread yourself too thin. Trying to juggle several projects may not be the best idea.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. When talking with your friends about something political, you should be extra careful.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Getting along with people from all walks of life is one of your better assets. Be careful, because this ability might not apply when dealing with authorities.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Methods that work well for you might not do so for others. Don't try to force your way of doing things.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. There is nothing wrong with your earning potential, but you might not be too adept at keeping what you make.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Although taking charge comes naturally to you, don't annoy those who want to express themselves.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Friends will help you to a limited degree, but don't ask them to take care of things that you should be handling yourself.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You won't be disappointed if you build your hopes on a realistic basis. But the opposite will be true if you expect a free ride.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Certain conditions that have an influence on your finances and/or career could become quite complex. Handle your affairs with extreme care.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Provided no one challenges you, you will be a most delightful companion.

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. Walk away from any kind of joint venture the moment you see that not everyone has anted up equally. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

The future is now

Re: "Let the future be a surprise" (Metro, April 23) Here's to the future! To letter writer Ralph Brescia, who believes no one can predict the future: Apparently you have never read any of the works of Jules Verne, H. G. Wells, Edward Bellamy, Arthur C. Clarke, Ray Bradbury, James Maxwell Alvin Toffler, Theodore Sturgeon and the granddaddy of them all, Leonardo Da Vinci, who left a book of drawings behind for future scientist to build starting with the ball bearing that made his marvelous inventions work.
ALAN JACOBS, VIA EMAIL

Editor's note: On the other hand, we've all been waiting patiently for our hoverboards, warp drives, alien paramours and positronic androids. Come on, science!

Butter trumps everything

Re: "Sugar does not make a healthy snack" (Metro, April 24) Come on, lighten up Sara Kayeum! Nutritional yeast on dry popcorn is not my idea of a fun snack. Why not add some fish oil while we're at it? Is there no room left in this world for a few sugary, buttery treats?
STEPHEN GRAHAM, VIA EMAIL

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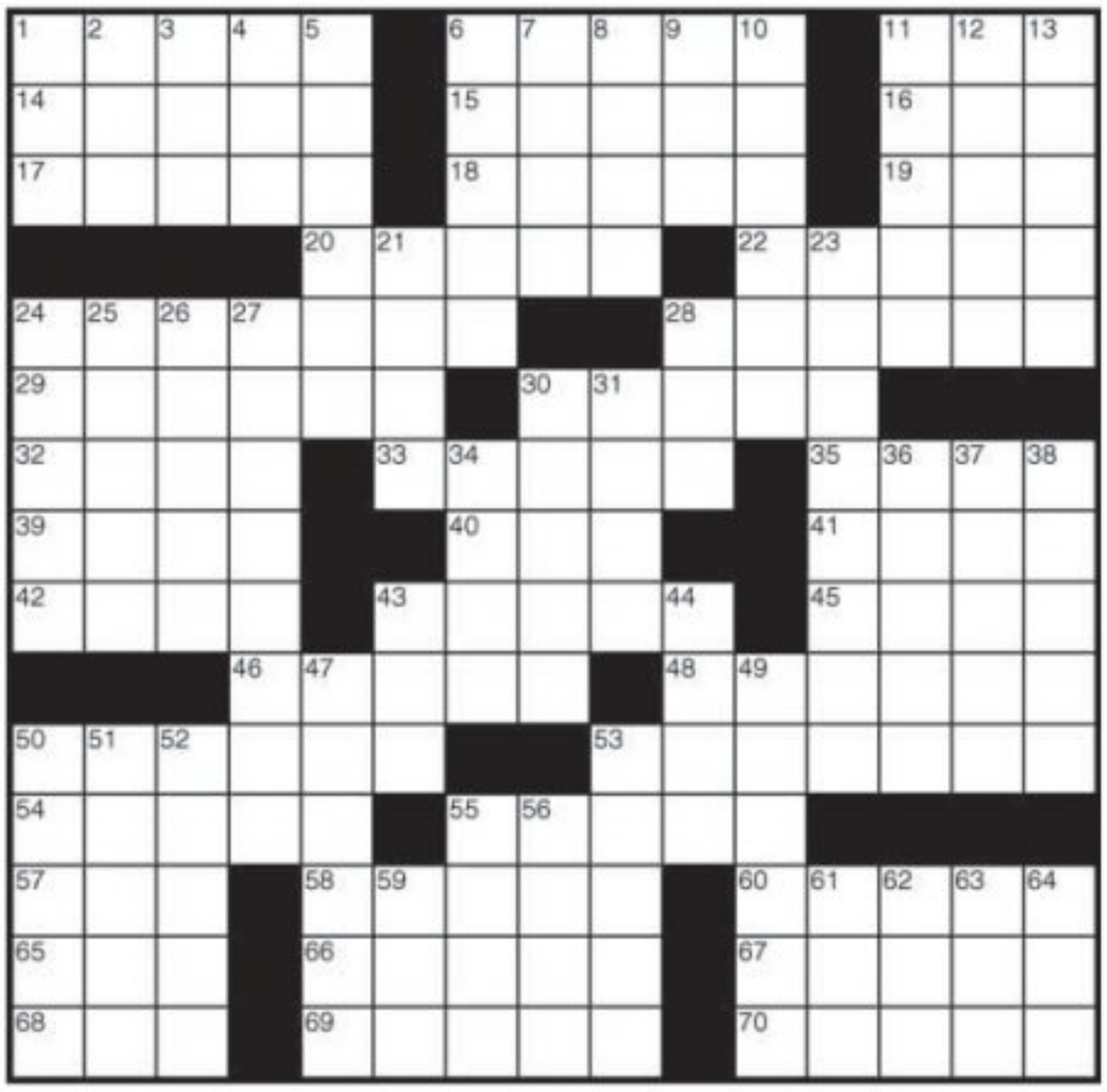

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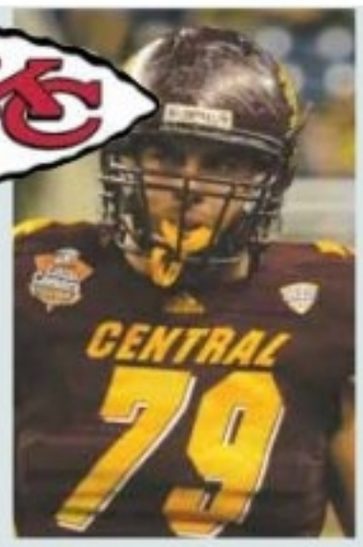

Eric Fisher, OT, Central Michigan — You could literally flip a coin between Fisher and Luke Joeckel, who may be the safer choice coming from a big-name college program. New coach Andy Reid never does things the easy way though.

No. 2

Jaguars (2-14)

Dion Jordan, OLB, Oregon — Speed is an intriguing selling point on draft day, and Jordan has plenty of it. Combine that with the Jags' nonexistent pass rush and this pick could be gone in 60 seconds.

No. 3

Raiders (4-12)

Luke Joeckel, OT, Texas A&M — Rumor has it that Oakland is high on Sharrif Floyd, but if the most fundamentally sound tackle in the draft slips to them, it would be way too good to pass up.

No. 4

Eagles (4-12)

Lane Johnson, OT, Oklahoma — This guy has Chip Kelly written all over him. He's a fast, hybrid lineman who wouldn't get gassed in an up-tempo offense. The Eagles could even put him in tight-end packages.

No. 5

Lions (4-12)

Sharrif Floyd, DT, Florida — The Lions would be drooling if Floyd is still here at the No. 5 pick. If he lives up to the hype, the combination of him and Ndamukong Suh could go down in NFL history.

No. 6

Browns (5-11)

Star Lotulelei, DT, Utah — When you're the Browns and haven't won anything — ever — you have to go with best player available. Lotulelei would've gone No. 1 before the discovery of health concerns. Don't be surprised, though, to hear Geno Smith's name.

No. 7

Cardinals (5-11)

Jonathan Cooper, OG, North Carolina — Arizona is hoping the addition of Carson Palmer is enough to bolster the offense. Old school coach Bruce Arians will be cautious and select the best offensive lineman left.

No. 8

Bills (6-10)

Ryan Nassib, QB, Syracuse — He's supplanted West Virginia's Geno Smith as the top quarterback in a weak quarterback class. Plus, he played under new Bills head coach Doug Marrone while at Syracuse.

Nos. 9-14

- **No. 9 — Jets**: Dee Milliner, CB. Alabama
- **No. 10 — Titans**: D.J. Fluker, OT, Alabama
- **No. 11 — Chargers**: Chance Warmack, G, Ala.
- **No. 12 — Dolphins**: Tyler Eifert, TE, Notre Dame
- **No. 13 — Jets**: Barkevious Mingo, LB, LSU
- **No. 14 — Panthers**: Kenny Vaccaro, S, Texas

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Young making the most of fresh start

MLB. Former Ranger is hitting for a high average and playing a solid third base for the Phillies.

Young is the all-time leader in multiple categories for the Rangers. / GETTY IMAGES

Michael Young broke into the majors with Texas in 2000. He donned a Rangers uniform through the 2012 season.

That's a long time with one franchise in this modern era.

Change is inevitable and Young was traded to the Phillies last December. He saw it as a chance to play third base and go out there every day for the first time since the 2009-10 season.

"I didn't look at the change like it would be tough," said Young, the Rangers' all-time leader in games played, total bases, doubles, triples, hits and at-bats. "I said, 'This is going to be great for me.' I knew there would be an adjustment, but I took it all as a positive. I really love to compete and play. This was a chance to play every day and I had heard so many incredible things about the Phillies as a franchise."

Young hit just .277, his lowest since 2002, when he had a .262 average. In addition, Young had eight home runs and 67 RBIs, along with 27 doubles and three triples.

Consider this a fresh start. Young had a 14-game hitting streak going into last night's game.

"In baseball, you're going to have ups and downs," Young said. "I know I have all the skills to have some solid seasons ahead. I feel great. Putting on the Phillies uniform is an honor. I like my teammates a ton. They've won a lot of games. I want to be part of this. This is all exciting for me and I feel like I have a new lease on my baseball life."

Young worked extremely hard in spring training, especially in the field.

"I take pride in everything I do," Young said. "You're not going to go 4-for-4 every night and you can help your team in the field every night as well. I love to compete."

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Phils skipper wants team to sit on fastballs

MLB. Charlie Manuel isn't worried yet, but he knows his guys have to hit fastballs.

Manuel is preaching hitting.
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The Phillies needed a little kick in the pants, and Charlie Manuel gave it to them.

After Tuesday night's loss — a 2-0 defeat to the Pirates — the Phils skipper expressed frustration about his players not being able to hit fastballs. The team mustered just four hits against a pitcher with a mere 14 starts in the major leagues.

"I thought if he was going to throw his fastball like that, I thought we would hit him to tell you the truth," Manuel said. "He pitched a good game and was up to the task, but it wasn't that he did anything fantastic."

The Phillies are far from out of the NL East race, sitting six games behind the Braves at 9-12. But the fact remains that the bats have to come alive. The team ranks 18th in overall batting average (.248) and 24th in on-base percentage (.300).

"We've got to hit those fastballs," Manuel said. "I hope that doesn't put a lot of pressure on somebody. But we've got to hit those fastballs."

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120338 An Ordinance amending Section 19-1307 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Deferrals of Real Estate Tax," by further providing for certain deferrals of payment of a certain portion of Real Estate Taxes due the City of Philadelphia or the Philadelphia School District, all under certain terms and conditions.

120339 An Ordinance amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, by adding a new Chapter 19-2900A, entitled "Special Real Estate Tax Provisions for Low Income Taxpayers," providing for credits against real estate tax for certain low income taxpayers, under certain terms and conditions.

120651 An Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by reducing the amount of real estate taxes to be exempted for certain improvements to, or construction of, certain residential, commercial, industrial or other business properties; and by reducing the duration of such exemptions; all under certain terms and conditions.

130141 An Ordinance amending Chapter 19-2900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Senior Citizen Special Tax Provisions," by providing for those circumstances where a participant in the tax freeze program authorized by that Chapter would owe less taxes as a result of a reduction in the tax rate or the assessed value of the taxpayer's property but for his or her prior enrollment in the program; all under certain terms and conditions.

130142 An Ordinance phasing over a period of years the effects of the actual value initiative and authorizing real estate taxes for the City of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia for Fiscal Year 2014 and thereafter by amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes,"; providing for a tax and tax rate on real property; and by amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on real estate within the City of Philadelphia, and providing for a tax rate; all under certain terms and conditions.

130150 An Ordinance authorizing real estate taxes for the City of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia at a combined rate of 1% for Fiscal Year 2014 and thereafter, by amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," to provide for a tax and tax rate on real property, and by amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax and tax rate on real estate within the City of Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions.

130163 An Ordinance amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by providing for certain deferrals of payment of a certain portion of Real Estate Taxes due the City of Philadelphia or the Philadelphia School District, for owner-occupied properties that are the owner's primary residence, with a limitation of five years.

130178 An Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2014-2019 inclusive.

130179 An Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2014 Capital Budget.

130180 An Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

130181 An Ordinance amending Chapters 19-1300 and 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled, respectively, "Real Estate Taxes" and "School Tax Authorization," by establishing a tax rate for City real estate tax and authorizing and establishing a tax rate for School District real estate tax; and by revising the homestead exclusion; all under certain terms and conditions.

130182 An Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," by amending Section 19-1806, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the tax and to set the rate for such tax, all under certain terms and conditions.

130183 An Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by revising certain tax rates, under certain terms and conditions.

130254 An Ordinance phasing over a period of years the effects of the changes in real property assessments determined by the actual value initiative and authorizing real estate taxes for the City of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia for Fiscal Year 2014 and thereafter by amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes,"; providing for a tax and tax rate on real property; and by amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on real estate within the City of Philadelphia, and providing for a tax rate; all under certain terms and conditions.

130190 Resolution providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018, and incorporating proposed changes with respect to Fiscal Year 2013, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, authorized by an ordinance of this Council approved by the Mayor on January 3, 1992 (Bill No. 1563-A), by and between the City and the Authority.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.
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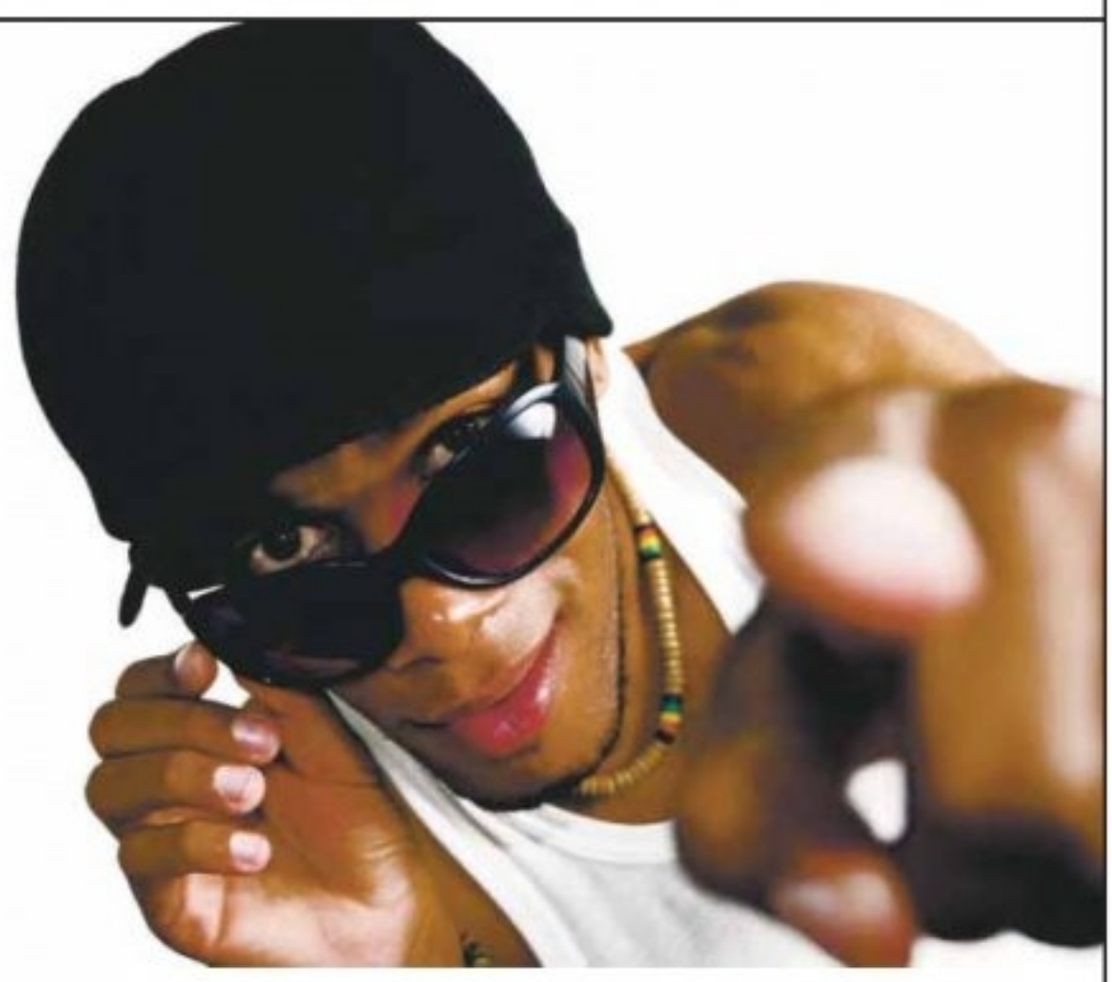

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